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A SUCCESSFUL DAY IS EXPECTED FRIDAY

Annual School Fair to Attract Thousands.

MANY EXHIBITS
ALREADY PLACED

Judging from the Exhibits Already Placed in the Court House, the Exhibits will be Better and More Plentiful than Last Year's Exhibition.

Everything is in readiness for the annual school fair which is to be held Friday. Should the beautiful weather of the past few days continue a huge crowd of scholars, teachers, trustees and patrons will be here to enjoy the day together. Preparations are almost completed for the day and everything points to a successful exhibition in all departments. The exhibits in the court house have already been placed and have been pronounced more beautiful and more varied than last year. The judges will pass on these tomorrow night and the ribbons placed upon them for inspection Friday. Entries for both the literary and athletic contests have been pouring in and the indications are that they will far exceed last year's lists. In fact, they have already exceeded last year's entries by a large majority.

Considerable interest is centered in the high school oratorical contest which is to be held in the graded school auditorium Friday night. As is already well known, the winner of this contest is awarded the Minter Medal, provided for in the will of the late Capt. J. R. Minter and donated accordingly each year by his heirs. The winner of second place will be awarded another gold medal by the association. Both medals are suitably inscribed. In addition to these the firm of Fleming Brothers gives a trophy cup each year to the high school making most points in the athletic contests. This cup has been held for two years by the Clinton high school and a pretty contest is expected to develop this year for its retention in Clinton. These two medals and the cup will be on display in Fleming Brothers' window during this week until after the contest Friday night.

The visitors to the city are expected to bear in mind that the literary and athletic contests and viewing of exhibits in the court house will all be in progress at the same time. Athletic contests will be open to the public, of course, but entrance to the school rooms where the literary contests will be held will be by admission card only. These will be given only to those directly interested.

The following instructions have been issued by Miss Gray and Supt. Sullivan:

The program for the day will be as follows:

10:00 a. m.—Literary contests, graded school building.

Declamation contest, graded school auditorium.

Elementary athletic contests, graded school campus.

11:30 a. m.—Grand Parade.

12:15 p. m.—Exercises on the graded school campus, as follows:

a—Song, "Carolina".

b—Tableau, representing seven years in history of South Carolina women.

c—Oath of allegiance to U. S. flag.

d—Song "Columbia".

e—Awarding of ribbons.

1 p. m.—Dinner.

2:15 p. m.—Meeting of Laurens county school trustees, graded school auditorium.

3:00 p. m.—High School athletic meet.

10 a. m. to 3 p. m.—Viewing of exhibits in the court house.

8:00 p. m.—High School oratorical contest, graded school auditorium.

Athletic Department.

The elementary athletic program has already been given due publicity through other mediums, but the high school program has not, so is given as follows:

100 yard dash.

220 yard run.

Standing high jump.

Standing broad jump.

Running high jump.

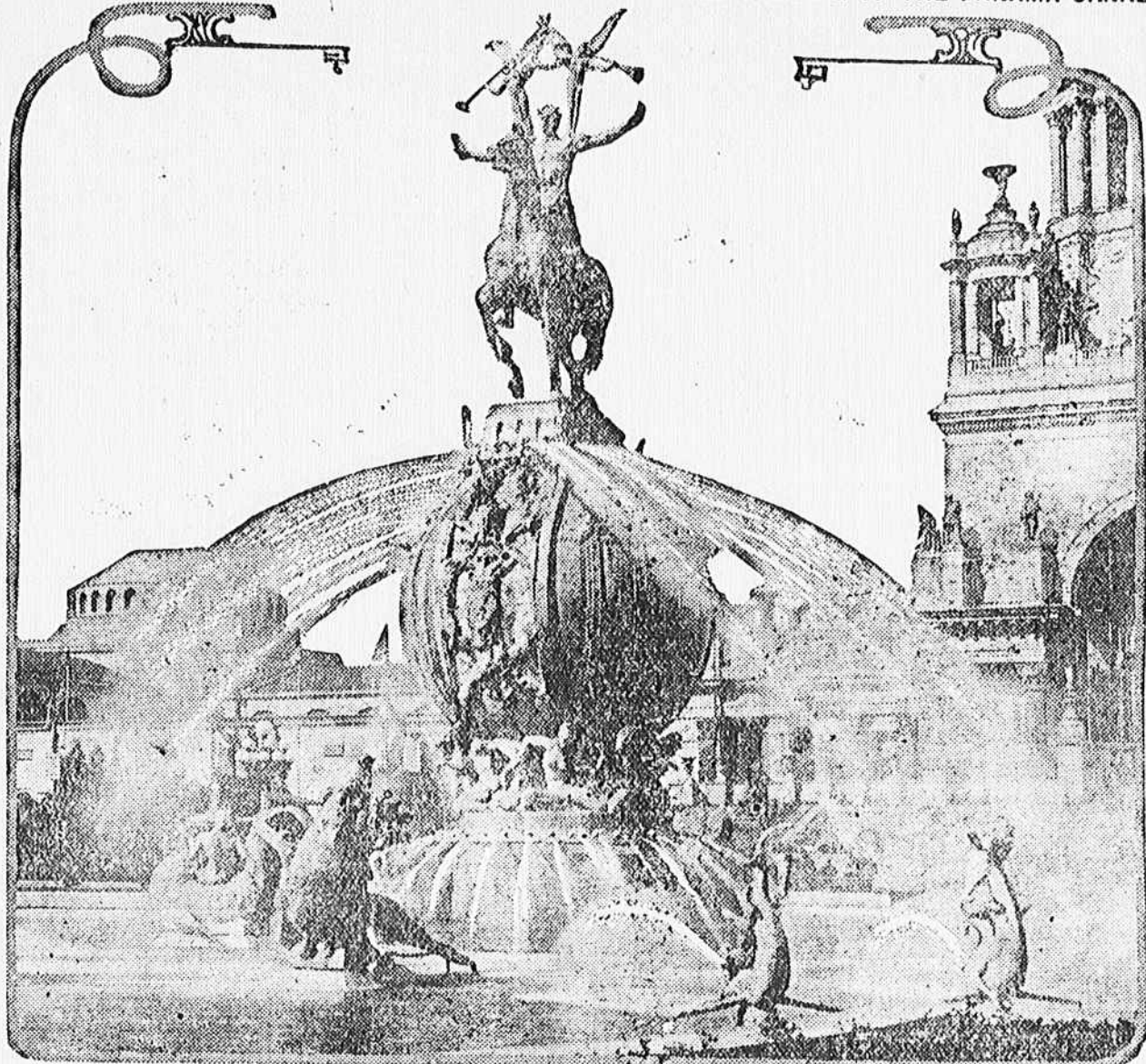
Running broad jump.

Shot put.

Pole vault.

220 hurdle (30 inch).

THE FOUNTAIN AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION THAT SYMBOLIZES THE BUILDING OF THE PANAMA CANAL



The labor that went into the building of the Panama canal is symbolized in the Fountain of Energy, by A. Strling Calder. This heroic sculpture stands in the center lagoon of the three lagoons of the South Gardens and faces the main entrance gates. The waters were first released on opening day, February 20, coincidentally with the opening of the portals of the exhibit palaces and by the same means: the electric spark transmitted across the continent when President Woodrow Wilson opened the great exposition at San Francisco by wireless.

EDITS FARM PAGE.

J. C. Barksdale, of this County, to Contribute to Pages of the Barnwell Sentinel.

The friends of Mr. J. C. Barksdale, son of Mr. A. B. Barksdale of this county, will be interested in the work he is doing in Barnwell county, where he recently took up the position of farm demonstrator. In the last issue of the Barnwell Sentinel, an announcement was made to the effect that Mr. Barksdale would edit an agricultural page in that paper. That he will make it bright and interesting, as well as instructive, is a foregone conclusion with those who know of his ability and industry. The following is the announcement as it appeared in the Sentinel:

"In keeping with the policy of this paper of trying to give to its readers the very best service possible, we are beginning this week the publication of a page devoted to the interest of farmers. We have been exceptionally fortunate in securing the service of Mr. J. C. Barksdale, farm demonstration agent for this county, as editor. Mr. Barksdale will have a special message to the farmers each week; he keeps in close touch with the farming conditions throughout the county, and his suggestions should prove timely and beneficial.

"In order to help the farmers sell and exchange their products to an advantage, Mr. Barksdale has agreed to conduct a Farmers' Exchange Bureau in connection with his farm page. He will list and advertise farm products wanted, or for sale. The names of the farmers will not be printed, but the items will be listed from week to week. All replies to these advertisements should be addressed to Mr. Barksdale at Barnwell, and he will put the purchaser and seller in touch with each other. Neither the Sentinel nor Mr. Barksdale will make any charge for this service. It is a gratuitous act on our part to help our farmer friends."

Remodelling Plant.

The Laurens plant of the Coca Cola bottling company is being repaired and cleaned up preparatory to the rush of summer business. In addition to working over the machinery, the floor in the rear portion of the building has been cemented so as to be more cleanly and the syrup room has been screened. The Laurens plant is expecting a big business this season.

LIST OF JURORS.

For Spring Term of Court of Common Pleas to Begin on April 26th.

The spring term of the Court of Common Pleas will begin April 26th and may last for two weeks. There are a number of cases on the docket and in all probability two weeks will be necessary. Judge Ernest Moore of Lancaster will preside. The following is the list of jurors for the first week: Laurens—J. H. Martin, C. H. Sims, C. W. Taylor, A. N. Bramlett, Dials—W. J. Ball, E. B. Nash, M. V. Manley, R. O. Hunt, R. T. Abercrombie, L. G. Moore, B. W. Weathers, Tully Woods.

Youngs—J. C. Bingham, W. A. Babb, L. J. White, Seuffelstown—F. L. Donnon, Jacks—Joe R. Adair, T. I. Adair, J. P. Johnson.

Hunter—Eugene F. Davis, E. W. Workman, L. C. Duckett, Wm. C. Dobbins, L. L. Young.

Cross Hill—P. P. Watts, W. W. Bryson, J. H. Insti, J. H. Atchinson.

Waterloo—Mose Madden, R. O. Martin, Clyde E. McDaniel, T. S. Boyd.

Sullivan—P. L. Abrams, J. L. Chapman, J. Rebt, Hellams, S. E. Elledge.

T. W. COOPER DIED FRIDAY.

Was Father of Mrs. T. J. McAlister of this City. Prominent Farmer.

Mr. T. W. Cooper, a prominent citizen of Cross Anchor and one of Spartanburg county's progressive farmers died suddenly at his home last Friday morning at ten o'clock. Mr. Cooper was the father of Mrs. T. J. McAlister of this city and the many friends of the family here sympathize most deeply with them in their loss.

Mr. Cooper was about 69 years of age, and spent all of his life in Spartanburg county. Though too young to join the Confederate army when the war began, he enlisted Aug. 1861, in 1st Battalion, Co. A, Capt. N. F. Walker, but later was transferred to Co. D, 3rd Reg., Capt. Daniel Smith's Company. His life as a soldier was one of marked courage and ability and his life as a private citizen has been one of high ideals and fraught with good. The funeral services were held Saturday morning in the cemetery at Cross Anchor.

Is Critically Ill.

Mr. Steve Taylor is critically ill at his home here and very little hope is held out for his recovery. For many months he has been confined to his room and the news of his illness will be received with great sorrow by his many friends.

TO HELP BELGIANS.

Idle Hour to Divide Proceeds of Monday's Show with Belgian Relief

There is a renewed effort over the state to render further assistance to the suffering Belgians.

The National American Relief association has been fully organized. Dr. Van Dyke, minister to Holland, assisted by Mr. Gifford Pinchot, a well known American, are in charge of the contributions from the United States, and Mr. Pinchot is in Belgium attending to the distribution of food.

A few weeks ago following the visit of Miss Jane B. Evans, of Florence, who at her own expense, has endeavored to organize the women of South Carolina into associations for continued relief, an organization was formed in Laurens, with Mrs. Brooks Swygert as chairman, and a number of circles have begun work.

The manager of the Idle Hour Theatre has kindly consented to divide the proceeds of the picture show on next Monday, April 12th, to the fund, and the circle, with Mrs. Guignard as leader, is working to make it a success. It is a most worthy cause. The women and children are suffering. By going to the Idle Hour on Monday the public may be assured that it is helping a worthy cause, one that demands immediate and whole-souled attention.

How to Get Rid of Sparrows.

Mr. G. D. Smith, of Clinton, was in the city several days ago and in response to the request of a number of people to give some information as to successful experiments he made recently to get rid of English sparrows, gave the following plan: Take about half a glass of wheat or some other grain and pour enough water over it to fill the glass. Then drop in a small amount of strychnine, about a "quarter's worth", he said, and allow the mixture to soak over night. The next day throw the wheat where the sparrows congregate most. The sparrows will eat the grain and be poisoned by it. The results, Mr. Smith said, will be very satisfactory. The Advertiser does not vouchsafe for this method, but, on the other hand advises extreme caution in experimenting with it.

Meeting of U. D. C.

The J. B. Kershaw chapter, U. D. C., will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Warren Bolt Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meeting will be devoted to a study of the battle of Shiloh.

PUTS THE LID ON TIGHT.

Sheriff to Stop Violation of Sunday Laws. Active Along Other Lines.

To say that Sheriff Owings has put the lid on tight in regard to the Sunday selling of tobaccos and soft drinks is expressing the matter mildly. Since being upheld recently in the supreme court in the Charlie Hondros case, the sheriff has set about to enforce the Sunday laws to the letter. Speaking about the matter Monday, he stated that he was determined to see the laws enforced if he has to call on Gov. Manning for aid. Hereafter drugs only will be allowed to be sold by the drug stores and restaurants will be watched to guard against Sunday law violations. The ban has already been put on the Sunday selling of soft drinks and tobaccos and the sheriff states that he expects to keep it on this time.

Not only in the realm of Sunday selling has the sheriff's office been busy recently. Monday he made a round of the stores at the Watts Mills here, and the Lydia and Clinton Cotton mills in Clinton, and seized five slot machines alleged to be of the gambling variety. These were confiscated and will be destroyed.

Mack Harris, white, was arrested at Lydia Mills last week for violation of the dispensary law. He pleaded guilty before Magistrate Traynham Saturday and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100. Two more Harris boys were arrested for like offenses yesterday and will be tried at an early date. Joe Bolter, also from the Lydia Mills, was also arrested several days ago, but gave bond for his appearance at the next term of the circuit court.

MRS. SALLIE ELLIOT FLEMING.

Died at her Home in Athens, Ga., and Buried Beside Parents Here Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Elliott Fleming for many years a resident of this city where she spent her childhood, died at her home in Athens, Ga., Saturday and was brought here for burial Sunday afternoon. Many of those who remembered her here as a young lady attended the services Sunday afternoon, contributing in this way a testimony of their esteem and paying a tribute to her memory. The following gentlemen, friends of the family, acted as pall bearers: John F. Bolt, W. R. Richey, W. P. Childress, T. D. Lake, C. D. Moseley, J. E. Tolbert, Aus. Huff and E. W. Copeland. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, many wreaths having been sent by distant friends in addition to those from here and her home town. The services were conducted by Rev. J. R. T. Major and music was furnished by a choir composed of singers from several churches.

Mrs. Fleming was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pinckney Elliott, by whose side in the cemetery here she was laid. While quite a young lady she married Mr. Allen Fleming, who was in the cotton business here at the time. Later they moved to Athens, where they have made their home in recent years and where Mr. Fleming is still in business. Besides her husband, she is survived by several children, one of whom is married. Three sisters, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, of San Diego, Cal., and Misses Lena and Elizabeth Elliott, of Athens, also survive her.

MRS. A. C. BRAMLETT DEAD.

Dies at Home in this City After Lingering Illness.

After a prolonged illness over a period of several years, Mrs. Allen C. Bramlett died at her home on North Harper street, in this city, Saturday morning. The funeral services were held at the Laurens cemetery Monday morning, being conducted by her pastor, Rev. M. L. Lawson, assisted by Mr. C. B. Bobo. A large number of relatives and friends attended the last rites over her remains. The following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: Messrs. A. B. Burns, W. E. Bramlett, B. L. Clardy, S. C. Reid, J. D. Sexton, J. E. Barksdale, J. D. Watts, W. P. Thomason, Jr.

Mrs. Bramlett was a consecrated Christian woman, greatly beloved by those who knew her. She is survived by her husband and step-son Mr. John Bramlett, besides other relatives.

Can You Answer It.

Mr. J. C. Sahadi propounds the following question to Advertiser readers and offers prizes for the correct answer. The question is appropriate to the Eastern season and is this: What does the dying of eggs at Easter signify? For the first correct answer he will give one dozen eggs, for the second a half dozen, the third a quarter dozen and for every additional correct answer he will give one egg. Those desiring to answer his question may see him at his store on East Main street.

Extends Limit for Paying Taxes.

According to a notice appearing elsewhere in this paper, City Council has extended the time for payment of taxes without penalty until April 15th. After the 15th a penalty of seven per cent will be added.

CLEAN-UP DAY APRIL 11.

City Council Selects Date to Clean Up Premises in all Parts of the City.

In accordance with the plan adopted by the State Board of Health to have a general clean-up day in South Carolina, the city council of Laurens has selected Wednesday April 11th, as the day to do the work in Laurens. The state-wide day is April 10th, but as this comes on Saturday the day was changed to Wednesday. Every person owning or renting a home in the city is expected to make a general clean-up around the premises of their home and to pile the trash somewhere on the street so that the city wagons can load it and haul it off.

LIVED 122 YEARS.

Had a Grandson 57 Years of Age. Known by Citizens of Laurens.

Mr. Ralph Terry, in looking through an issue of the Rockingham (N. C.) Post several days ago, came across a news item which especially attracted his attention because of its unusual interest and because of the memories it brought back to him. The article was about an aged lady of that vicinity whom he had known when as a boy he was growing up in that vicinity. The approximate correctness of the story is vouched for by Mr. Terry as he remembers the subject of it quite well. It is as follows:

"Mrs. Hannah Ford, who lived on Mr. Z. O. Ellerbes' place, died Wednesday, November 1, aged 122 years. One of her grandsons is 57 years old. Her great-grandson was present Sunday previous to her death. She had been blind, deaf and toothless for about twenty years, and indulged in an occasional toddy up till the day of her death. She also dipped snuff. For the last few years she would be awake for several days at the time, and then would sleep two or three days. She was born under the administration of George Washington, so consequently had the distinction of having lived under the administration of every president we have ever had. Having been born in 1793, she had lived in three centuries, and had seen two visitations of Halley's Comet. One of her sons, Mr. Solomon Ford, died last spring, aged 86 years. She had several sons in the Confederate army. When the census was taken, the government sent a special blank to cover her case. Her age was so great that she hardly resembled a human being. Her eyes hardly showed at all, and her skin was wrinkled and spotted beyond description. For a long time she has had to be fed from a bottle. Her hair was colorless and was matted to her head. Her relatives showed her every consideration and waited on her as carefully and tenderly as if she had been sane and able to see. She was buried Thursday, November 5, at Zion church cemetery. Rev. Mr. Wright conducted the funeral services. A large number of relatives and friends were present when the remains were laid away for their final well-deserved repose."

Recent Automobile Sales.

The Laurens Motor Car Company announces the following recent sales of automobiles: J. Walter Simmons, Cross Hill, Ford touring car; Dr. Fair, Greenville, Maxwell roadster; L. C. Ashmore, Greenville, Maxwell touring car; John Meff, Mauldin, Greenville, Oakland touring car.

Mrs. Alva Weaver, of Lake City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fleming Smith on East Main street.